

## BANKERS DEFINE

### The New Law—Give Notice of War Taxes.

#### Warning as to Issuance of Checks—Customers Must Assume Their Share of the Burden.

Many of the banks have begun a campaign of education for the benefit of their customers and correspondents, preliminary to the operation of that portion of the war-revenue law which applies to banking transactions. Some confusion is expected from the first enforcement of the adhesive-stamp tax provisions, but with a view to reducing such friction to a minimum several institutions are issuing circulars calling attention to the chief features, particularly the issuance of checks and drafts. The following from one national bank will serve as a sample of the list:

**"To Our Customers:** We desire to draw your attention to the fact that part of the new war-revenue act which requires the use and cancellation of adhesive stamps on checks and other like documents will go into effect on and after July 1, 1898. It is necessary, therefore, that all your checks drawn on and after that date shall bear a 2-cent internal-revenue stamp, which you must cancel at the time of attaching by writing thereon the initials of your name, with the date of attaching the stamp. It is a serious misdemeanor under the law to omit this—designedly, at least—for which punishment by fine is provided; and, moreover, checks, etc., issued without being thus stamped are not admissible in evidence in court.

"We send you this circular merely as a reminder, and in the hope that it may serve to some extent to prevent the trouble sure to result from omissions through oversight or misinformation of this new requirement of the law.

"Arrangements for the sale of stamps have not yet been perfected by the government. We hope to be able to sell these stamps to such of our customers as may find it convenient to buy their stamps of us."

The assumption is that the law will become effective on July 1, in accordance with its terms as passed by both houses and signed by the president; but secretary Gage has made a suggestion to congress that the adhesive-stamp provisions be modified to become effective on July 15, on account of the difficulty of preparing sufficient stamps to carry on business before that date. Latest Washington advices, however, state that the department will be able to meet all demands on July 1, except for 1-cent stamps.

The above circular indicates the

determination on the part of the banks to have customers understand that they must bear their share of the burden of the war expenses. Business in some financial quarters has been reduced by competition to a basis where banks transact much business without charge, the acceptance of collections at par being an instance, and customers seem possessed with an idea that a bank is a public convenience instead of a financial agent. To assume the obligation of taxes upon business passing through it would be to make serious inroads into the profits of the most prosperous institution. Estimates of the officials of some of the large institutions vary as to the amount of revenue resulting from their transactions from \$50,000 to \$150,000, according to the nature and size of their business. This means from 2½ to 7½ per cent. on a capital of \$2,000,000. The law provides that the drawer of a check shall affix the stamp at once, and the purchaser of a draft or a bill of foreign exchange or letter of credit will be required to reimburse the bank for the tax in addition to the present rate of exchange charged on such documents.

As indicated in the circular, most of the banks will carry stocks of stamps to sell to their customers. In time checks will be printed under government supervision with the stamp included in the engraving. The banks will sell check-books to their customers for the cost of the stamps, where they have had the custom of giving them away. Where it is allowed by law, some institutions will prefer to accommodate their customers by accepting the task, affixing the stamps and charging them regularly on account.

It will be well for those who are preparing to use ordinary postage stamps in the payment of war taxes to know that ordinary stamps will not be accepted. As the bureau of engraving and printing, running a full force night and day, could not prepare a sufficient supply of adhesive stamps to meet the requirements of the law, the secretary of the treasury has decided to utilize a large reserve supply of blue 1-cent postage stamps for that purpose, just as the stock of old revenue stamps was imprinted for the payment of taxes that became operative the day after the bill became a law. These postage stamps will bear the initials "I. R." to indicate that they are used for internal revenue purposes, and will be used in addition to the new adhesive stamps, which will be supplied in limited quantities until a reserve supply has been accumulated sufficient to meet all demands. Then the use of the postage stamps will be discontinued.—Chicago Record.

#### Remember the Maine

Place to get your fine Merchant Tailoring is by Fowright. Pants made for \$3, \$5, \$7, and Suits \$14, \$15, \$20.

## DR. W. M. FUQUA,

### Sketch and Distinguished Physician and Army Surgeon.

The appointment of Dr. Wm. M. Fuqua, of this city, as Surgeon of the Tenth U. S. Infantry is a just tribute to his eminent ability as a Surgeon and does credit to the department.

Dr. Fuqua was born in Charlotte county, Va., Jan. 16, 1838, and is the only appointee beyond the age, prescribed by the War Department. He attended medical lectures at the University of Virginia and at Richmond college, graduating from the latter in March 1859.

He first located in Richmond, Va., and in 1861 was appointed, assistant Surgeon in the C. S. army and assigned to duty in the famous Libby Prison Hospital, at Richmond, Va., where he remained until 1862, when he was made Surgeon, serving with the armies of Virginia and Tennessee until the close of the war. In 1868, he settled in this city, and at once, engaged in a large surgical practice, and became a liberal contributor to the various medical journals. In 1884 he was elected to the Chair of Anatomy in the Hospital Medical College of Memphis, which he resigned in 1887 on account of ill health. He is a member of quite a number of medical societies, beside the Filson club (historical society of Kentucky,) and the Polytechnic Institute of Louisville. Many of his surgical operations have been reported in the various medical journals of the country. Dr. Fuqua is always dignified in appearance and is a gentleman of the most polished manners.

#### House Party of Little Girls.

Several of the "future belles," of Hopkinsville, went out to Pembroke this afternoon to spend a week at a house party at Mr. Smith's. They expect to have lots of fun. In the party were Misses Jean McKee, Jean Goldthwaite, Tillie Moore, Rosalie Green, Mollie Garnett and Mary Anderson.

#### Young Folks Have a Party.

Miss Norma West entertained about two dozen of her young friends at the residence of her father, Mr. R. F. West, on Virginia street, last evening. Elegant refreshments were served and the evening throughout was very enjoyable.

#### Unrecorded Deeds.

There are about 150 unrecorded deeds in the county clerk's office. On and after July 1st an extra tax of 50 cents each will have to be paid for recording.

#### Shipping Beef Cattle.

Messrs. J. W. Chestnut & Co., of Trenton, shipped two car loads of fine beef cattle to Louisville to-day. They will make another shipment of fat cattle and hogs the first of next week.

## DIED FROM BURNS.

### Injuries Received Jan. 25 Cause a Little Girl's Death.

Lelia Faughan, a little 12-year-old daughter of Mr. E. W. Faughan, died near Pilot Rock last night from injuries received last January, by catching her clothes on fire from an open grate. She never recovered from the severe burns, but had been a great sufferer ever since. She was a bright little girl, the grand-daughter of Mr. John Forbes. The burial took place to-day at the Ralston burying ground in the same neighborhood.

#### PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. L. W. Gaines, of Elkton, is in the city.

Mrs. Mary Oncle, of Evansville, is visiting the family of Mr. Joe. D. Higgins. Mrs. Oncle formerly lived in this city.

Mrs. Robert T. Daniel left Wednesday for Hopkinsville where she will remain for several weeks.—Trenton Democrat.

Miss Ida Greer, who taught music in the Auburn Seminary last season, visited Miss Nannie Chick last week. She goes to Hopkinsville, where she will teach music in Bethel Female College.—Russellville Herald-Ledger.

Mesdames F. J. Brownell, Mary A. Morton and J. B. Richards, and Misses Katie McDaniel, Mary Hille and Mary Jessie Brownell left this morning for Franklin, Ky., to attend a missionary meeting.

#### HERE AND THERE.

C. H. Layne has a nice pony for sale. 6-21dtf

WANTED—To buy a load of Clover Hay, apply at this office.

Two Jersey cows with calls, for sale. R. W. WARE.

More than 200 dogs have been killed in Owensboro under the dog-poisoning ordinance.

Rev. S. N. Vail wishes to sell his fine family mare, with buggy, will dispose of her at a bargain. Perfectly safe for a lady to drive.

Many handsome new rubber-tired traps are appearing on the streets. Most of them are being turned out by the local manufacturers.

Mr. W. E. Bradley and Miss Mina Murphy were married at the residence of Milton Jackson, on Blackman street, South Clarksville, at 8 o'clock last evening. Rev. W. J. Miller, of Trinity church, officiating.—Times.

The delay of two months in invading Cuba has made its conquest all the more difficult. Much of the blood being spilled may be charged up to the do-nothing policy at Washington.

# Men and Women WITH Small Feet...

Can get shoes and oxfords to fit them for next to nothing. We are overloaded on Mens—sizes 5, 5 1-2, 6, 6, 6 1-2 and 7's and Ladies—sizes 1, 1-2, 2, 2, 2 1-2 and 3's, in all grades of shoes,

Worth \$2 to \$6,

WILL BE SOLD AT

## 50c TO \$1.00.

Anderson Bros.

Hopkinsville's Greatest Store.

#### Pleasure Preserved

In preserving fruits on the new "Blue Flame" oil stoves sold by Geo. W. Young. This is without any sort of doubt the nearest perfect oil stove that we ever had. Burn gasoline or oil, or both, in the same stove. Simply, easily handled, under perfect control, not high priced. You will actually do yourself a favor by going to see this wonderful stove operated, and if you buy one you might have more "old-time religion" on hand when the summer is gone. And, say, we forgot—NO WICK IN IT.

#### At the Churches.

All of the churches to-morrow will hold the regular morning services. At night the four Christian Endeavor churches will not hold evening services, but unite in an Endeavor rally at the Christian church.

#### Hopkinsville Gas & Lighting Co

##### Important Notice.

To intending consumers: We respectfully call your attention to the fact that our liberal offer of 30 feet of service pipe and free ditching will shortly be withdrawn. It is to your interest to put in your application before July 1st., and receive this absolutely free gift. Also the use of a gas range for 30 days free of charge, which can be purchased at absolutely cost price. Gas for fuel purposes \$1.25 per 1,000, fuel and light \$1.50, illuminating exclusively \$2.00. Apply to A. PATTON, Manager, Howe Bldg., Main St. 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Once again we are prompted to rise up and request that the steamer Gussie either change her name or her job.

## Cheaper than "Before the War,"

But still higher in price than anybody's second class stove construction, for the very good reason that quality must be paid for.



**CHARTER OAK STOVES**

If you want a good stove or range, buy a Charter Oak.

If not, any old kind will do.

Dealers Sell Them.

CHARTER OAK STOVE & RANGE CO., St. Louis, make them.

### A good cook told Her employer:

"I cook a whole meal on this new Charter Oak with same amount of fuel I had just to start a fire in our old stove."

Search the world for a dissatisfied user of

**CHARTER OAK STOVES.**

## DOLLAR WHEAT

Sounds right and we hope our farmer friends will have it, but you don't deserve it if your wife is broiling herself as well as your food, over an old burned-out and used-up cook stove that perhaps never was good enough for the "best woman in the world." That's your wife, is it not? Now bring her here and buy a sure enough, good, guaranteed

## Charter Oak.

Don't stop either until you give her a nice little gasoline stove that will keep her temper sweet and make the whole family live longer.

THEY DON'T COST MUCH.

## Saving ice Every day Of it's life

And living longer than any other make of refrigerators.

## THE GURNEY

makes new customers every season and never loses one. Many reasons are shown why it is the best, but saving ice beats all.

5 CENTS A DAY

off the ice bill pays entire cost of refrigerator in two or three seasons.



# GEO. W. YOUNG, Hopkinsville, Ky.